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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7715

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, PN

SUBJECT: BANANAS: PANAMA INCREASES EXPORT TAX TO FORTY CENTS

1. GOP HAS AMENDED FISCAL CODE INCREASING BANANA EXPORT
TAX FROM 35 TO 40 CENTS PER BOX, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1976.
LOCAL UNITED BRANDS REP CONFIRMS THAT HIGHER TAX IS NOW
BEING COLLECTED.

2. COMMENT: REDUCTION OF TAX FROM \$1.00 TO 35 CENTS WAS
IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO LANDMARK AGREE-
MENT OF JANUARY 8, 1976, WHICH SET NEW RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN GOP AND UB. IMPOSITION OF HIGHER TAX COMES RATHER
QUICKLY AFTER THAT AGREEMENT, EVEN THOUGH NOT PRECLUDED BY
IT, AND MAY WELL RESULT FROM CRITICISM OF AGREEMENT DIRECTED
AT PANAMA DURING FEBRUARY MEETING OF UPEB

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MINISTERS (PANAMA 1292). INCREASE PUTS PANAMA IN

BETWEEN CURRENT EXPORT TAXES LEVIED BY COSTA RICA
(45 CENTS) AND HONDURAS (35 CENTS) (PER SAN JOSE 1768).
EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINT CONCERNING
INCREASED TAX FROM LOCAL UB OFFICE, OTHER THAN COMMENT
THAT IT WAS IMPOSED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION (AGREE-
MENT CALLS FOR GOVERNMENT TO GIVE COMPANY "REASONABLE TIME"
TO RESPOND TO ANY PROPOSED CHANGE IN TAX).
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